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Attention: Committee Clerk

I am a member of both the Connecticut Forest and Park Association and the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club. I am also the Vice President of the Wolcott Land Conservation Trust.

I wish to give testimony to the Committee with a particular emphasis on public health and the increasing problem of obesity among Connecticut citizens, a problem from which I do not personally escape. It's no secret that daily walking is one of the best routes to fitness. It's free and it needs to be readily available to all citizens.

Public pedestrian access to the subject lands is of critical importance in the campaign for physical fitness. I passionately urge you to support passage of SB 43, SB 90, and HB 5254.

Sincerely, Thomas Tella